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The hybridization chamber was used for Immunoblotting detection of proteins and Northernblot analysis of mRNA expression. The oven was used to simultaneously hybridize a multitude of membranes at a time with different probes. It was also used for strip-washing and re-probing of different set of mRNA expression. The defined temperature control provided an unique situation to precisely process samples during pre-hybridization, hybridization, washing and developing with chromogenic agents and radiolabeled probes. Since the experimental methods were performed in leak-proof closed β -blocking acrylic containers, the usage of this equipment posed minimum risk.

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